so far, in New Delhi, February 2-4, 1994, in Beijing, April 21-22, 1994, and New Delhi, March 2-4, 1995.

The mandate of the Expert Group includes clarification of the line of actual control (LAC) between India and China, reduction of military forces along the India—China LAC, other confidence building measures and verification methods.

At its second meeting, the two sides reached agreement on the Work Regulations of the Expert Group which spells out the mandate, future tasks and modalities of the Expert Group.

At its third meeting, both sides noted with satisfaction that the situaion along the India—China LAC was peaceful. Continuing their discussions on additional confidence building measures, they had a useful exchange of views on the drafts on prior notification of military exercises and prevention of air intrusions. They also agreed that additional designated points for meetings between the border personnel of the two countries would be established at Nathu La in the Sikkim Sector and a point to be agreed in the Middle Sector of the India—China border areas.

Discussions in the Expert Group are progressing smoothly, with the two sides adopting a constructive and forward-looking approach. The next meeting of the Expert Group will be held in Beijing at a mutually convenient date in 1995.

India's rejection of restrictions on its peaceful nuclear programme

1309. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE. Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently ruled out the possibility of India agreeing to Unilaterally Cap fissile material production or accepting any restriction on its peaceful nuclear programme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In a statement issued by the official spokesman on the 11th February, 1995, Government has clearly stated that there is no question of India's unilaterally stopping the production of fissible material, or accepting restriction on its programmes for the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

US Committee's Report indicting ISI on Kashmir

1310. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU. Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Times of India dated 28th February, 1995 under the caption "Report indicts ISI on Kashmir";

(b) whether the report published by the Committee on International Security studies of American Academy of Arts and Sciences has confirmed India's charge that terrorists in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir are getting arms from Pakistan; and

(c) whether Government propose to take up the matter with Government of the USA and raise it in world fora; and if so, the details of the steps to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.